

Project description – Crime/Crash Cost Book

Please reference “Overview of OHSP competitive grant award process” on the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) web site (<http://www.michigan.gov/ohsp>) for an explanation of the process.

Background

Traffic crashes and crime both impose significant burdens on Michigan citizens through loss of life, injury, and destruction of property. Having up-to-date cost data on the harms caused by crashes and crimes can help policymakers and law enforcement leadership to make informed decisions and prioritize the expense of limited public funds.

OHSP has commissioned studies of these costs in previous years but has not updated these for current costs, crime rates, or crash rates since 1999. Federal cost estimates are similarly falling out-of-date. This project will update this information with the most recent data available.

Purpose

This project will provide a basis for comparison of the societal costs of assorted crimes and crashes. The grantee shall conduct an analysis of the prevalence of crimes and crashes and the cost each imposes, prepare a report on the findings, and respond to any questions concerning the report.

Deliverables

The grantee shall provide OHSP with a draft report by August 15, 2006. Following OHSP review, the final report shall be due by September 30, 2006 (125 print copies and an electronic copy). The specific timing of activity is at the discretion of the grantee, so long as the final report is ready before the end of the grant year.

The report must include a detailed explanation of the methodology used, including data sources and estimation procedures. Estimates shall be provided for the latest year for which complete data is available. Estimates shall cover all police-reported index crimes, including murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft (arson has been excluded in previous updates and may be excluded here), as well as all police-reported traffic crashes, including fatal crashes, all injury crashes (A, B, and C severity), and property-damage only crashes. In addition to totals, estimates should break-out the costs for each category of crime and crash, also reporting separately how costs differ for alcohol-involved crash victims. Costs should include medical care, lost wages, public services, property damage & loss, and quality of life. In addition to statewide totals, estimates should be available for each county for each crime and crash. The tables in the report should be equally able to answer, “What was the total cost of crashes for the state?” and, “What was the cost of lost wages in Ogemaw County due to assault?” OHSP welcomes innovations in reporting and analysis.

Additional specifications

The organization awarded the grant must agree to abide by the OHSP “Grant Management Requirements,” as posted on the OHSP web site. Following the selection of a successful proposal, the grantee must complete the formal grant application and review process through Michigan’s web-based grant application to finalize grant details. All OHSP grants are administered on a reimbursement basis. All grant-related costs incurred are first paid by the grantee, the grantee bills OHSP, and then OHSP reimburses the grantee. Quarterly progress and financial reports are required, even for quarters with no activity.

Funding for this project is contingent upon the availability of U.S. Department of Transportation Highway Safety Funds for fiscal year 2006. Changes in federal plans may lead to changes in OHSP programs requiring reasonable accommodations from grantees to keep existing projects consistent with

organizational goals. OHSP appreciates the difficulty of adjusting plans and appreciates grantees' flexibility in adapting projects to evolving conditions.

Due date

All proposals for this project must be received at OHSP by July 20, 2005. Proposals may be submitted electronically in Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Office format. If submitting paper copies, the candidate must submit five (5) copies.

Contact information

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